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1. DURING A PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON ON 19 OCTOBER 1977 FOR APPROXIMATELY 60 RETIRE; GENERALS AND ADMIRALS, PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET DISCUSSED THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SERIES OF BOMBINGS IN SANTIAGO AND CHILE'S ECONOMIC SITUATION, PINOCHET SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ON THE VERGE OF FINDING OUT WHO PERPETRATED THE SERIES OF BOMBINGS; WHEN HE FINDS OUT EXACTLY WHO IS RESPONSIBLE, THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO

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CHANGE ITS POLICY AND PUNISH THE GUILTY, EVEN THOUGH CHILE WILL BE ACCUSED OF ABUSING HUMAN RIGHTS. PINOCHET OFFERED NO INFORMATION ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBINGS.

2. PINOCHET SAID THAT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF CHILE IS IMPROVING, BUT VERY SLOWLY. HE ADDED THAT SOME CHILEAN BANKING GROUPS ARE CLOSELY EXAMINING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHERE THE ECONOMY IS GOING. [REDACTED] COMMENT: PRESIDENT PINOCHET WANTS THE SUPPORT OF RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE IN PRIVATE BUSINESS IN ORDER TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND BRING CHILE BACK INTO A PERIOD OF NORMALIZATION AND PEACE.)

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